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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: ECUADOR RELATIONS WITH
VENEZUELA

"Bolivarian Democracy", an editorial (08/14) in
populist "La Hora" (circ. 160,000)

Quote: ".Chavez has been erratic, arbitrary and has
made the mistake of locking horns with key
institutions, like the Catholic Church, the media,
the private sector and unions. But, at the same
time, it is also true that he has begun to win over
various South American countries, including Ecuador .

"Venezuela has become a point of reference for all
the impoverished people of the region.

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